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Report for Month of May 1956

1. A number of EIC subcommittee meetings were held and participated in by D/M branches to consider the advisability of exchange visits between members of US and USSR industries. Evaluations of intelligence gains were forwarded by the EIC subcommittees to the IAC Standing Committee on Delegations.

2. Revisions of the OCI handbooks on Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania and Czechoslovakia were made and forwarded as requested.

25X1A5a 3. Members of the Ferrous Metals Branch met with [REDACTED]

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25X1A5a [REDACTED] for the purpose of discussing current problems involving USSR iron and steel industry technology.

4. The Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Branch participated in two meetings of the EIC Ad Hoc Working Group on Copper Exports to the Sino-Soviet Bloc and prepared an interim report for this group on Copper Exports to the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1955.

5. Project S-79, evaluating the role of private plots of collective farmers in Soviet agriculture, was completed by M/AG and forwarded to the DD/I. The M/AG Branch also completed project [REDACTED]

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25X1A9a [REDACTED], of the Electric Power Branch, accompanied [REDACTED], of St/A, to New York on 14 May to witness a demonstration of equipment for use in a "punch-card" sorting system. Some system of this kind is under consideration for use in connection with analysts' card file records.

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